

William Walker – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

William Walker arrived in Plymouth in 1635 at a young age. He came to Eastham probably in the 1650's. In 1654 he married Sarah Snow who was the daughter of Nicholas and Constance Hopkins Snow. He was surveyor of highways in Eastham for several years up to 1693. He was a grand juror in 1690 and 1694. He died in the early 1700's and probably is buried in an unmarked grave in Cove Burying Ground.

1659

William Walker purchased from Thomas Paine four acres for a house lot near the highway and next to land of Thomas Rogers. PDF A185.

Granted to William Walker twenty acres at Pochet on the southwest side of the pond with space left between his land and the pond for a highway. Corner bounds were marked by trees. PDF A185, M91, S7.

Granted to William Walker three and three quarters acres of meadow at Silver Spring Meadow. The land was next to the beach and next to land of Nicholas Snow. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and a stake in the marsh. PDF A185, M91, S7.

Granted to William Walker a parcel of land at Herring Pond next to land of Nicholas Snow and near the Cedar Swamp. Bounds were indicated by a marked stump, a marked white oak, a marked black oak and another marked white oak. PDF A193, M101, S9.

1664

Granted to William Walker two acres of upland next to his house lot on the southern side. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A185, M92.

1675

Granted to William Walker a little neck of land between the swamps near his other land where he has his dwelling. PDF P33.

1678

William Walker requested that the Town survey his twenty acres at Pochet on the southwest side of the pond and reset the bounds because several of the original bound marks could not be found. The bounds were reset using marked trees and rocks. PDF A184, M90, S6.

William Walker purchased from Nicholas Snow one and one half acres at Billingsgate next to Walker's other land at Silver Spring Creek. PDF A185, S42.

1681

Granted to William Walker one half acre at Nauset Hills to sow flax there for three years. PDF P43

1682

Granted to William Walker, Thomas Mulford, Joseph Harding and Josiah Cooke the grapevine swamp on the sea side beyond Josiah Cooke's land provided they clear it within six years. PDF P45.

1684

Granted to William Walker one acre of upland and swamp next to where his dwelling house stands. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and a stone. PDF A185, M92, S42.

1699

Granted to William Walker a parcel of swamp containing about two acres on the westerly side of the cartway that goes by the westerly end of his house. Bounds were indicated by stones each marked with "W". PDF A208, M123, S99.

Granted to William Walker a small bit of land at the westerly end of his land next to the meeting house. This made his fence straight from the corner of his land next to Samuel Freeman to the corner of his own fence at the base of the hill above his barn. PDF A208, M123.

1704

Granted to William Walker the right to farm a parcel of Town Common land. PDF P114.

1711

Granted to William Walker, Nathaniel Young, John Walker, John Rogers, Thomas Mayo Sr. and Joshua Higgins the fourth lot on Great Island which was south of the third lot and ran southwesterly eight pole. Based on information given for the first three lots, it appears the fourth lot was eight pole by 130 pole or about seven acres. PDF T87.

Granted to William Walker and his heirs four acres for his plain lot adjoining the eastern part of his other land. PDF T119.

Granted to William Walker and his heirs four acres at the head of Silver Spring Brook and granted three acres of adjoining wood lot. Bounds of the seven acres were west thirty-six pole, south forty pole, east twenty-eight pole and north thirty-six pole. The property was next to land of John Walker. PDF T119.

Granted to William Walker and his heirs six acres of wood lot between wood lots of Benjamin Snow and John Brown. Bounds of the six acres were east eighty-seven pole, north fifteen pole, west eighty-six pole and south twelve pole. PDF T119.

1715

Granted to William Walker and his heirs several parts and parcels of land totaling about twelve acres. The land was next to Walker's former plain lot and next to a pond and land of Joseph Snow and Nathaniel Smith. PDF T232.

Granted to William Walker and his heirs the thirty-fifth wood lot on the eastern side of the way and running east to the Backside Sea. The wood lot was north of the wood lot of Elisha Higgins. The wood lot ran north twenty-four pole and probably ran east to the Atlantic Ocean 320 pole like other wood lots in the area. This would be an area of about forty-eight acres. PDF 269.

The land owned by William Walker described here amounts to about 115 acres. By 1745 eight more Walkers had received Eastham land grants.